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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants have filed this Supplemental Paper to note an error in Applicants' Response to Restriction Requirement dated November 26, 2002.

Applicants mistakenly elected the amino acid sequence combination of "H-Asn-Val-Lys-Ala-Gly-R" of SEQ ID No: 1 as set forth as No. 21 of Table 7 on page 32 of the specification.

Applicants wish to correct their election by the filing of this paper.

Thus, in response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 1, 2002, Applicants hereby change their previous election and now elect the amino acid sequence combination of "H-Asp-Val-Lys-Ala-Gly-R" of SEQ ID No. 1 as set forth as No. 1 of Table 1 on page 16 of the specification. In other words, Applicants now request the Examiner to examine the amino acid sequence combination of No. 1 of Table 1 and not No. 21 of Table 7.

It is noted that this election is made by the Applicants while retaining their right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected subject matter with the protection afforded by 35 USC § 121.

The claims, directed to the non-elected subject matter, remain in the application. It is requested that they be permitted to remain in a dormant condition pending the filing of a Divisional application.

The Examiner accordingly is requested to proceed with an examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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